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Title:

Direct Access from Client to

Storage Device

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

| This is a request for continued exam | ination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number |
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| 09/740,542, filed on December 18, 2 | 2000, entitled Direct Access from Client to Storage Device. |
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Application Elements

| 1. Filing Fee |
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| An Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 |
| C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed. |
| 2. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) |
| ☐ Copies of IDS Citations |
| 3. Amendments |
| An amendment is enclosed. |
| ⊠ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on <u>December 13, 2004</u> under 37 C.F.R. § |
| 1.116. |
| ☐ Do NOT enter the unentered amendment previously filed on under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. |
| Please consider the arguments in the response filed on under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. |
| Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on |
| 4. Please enter the enclosed affidavits or declarations. |
| 5. Return Receipt Postcard |
| 6. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time |
| 7. Other: |
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If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-

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